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Full Closure of Western Avenue at the IHB Railroad Tracks, South of 139th Street

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that Western Avenue will be closed at the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad tracks, south of 139th Street, in Blue Island, beginning, weather permitting, Monday, June 6. The closure is necessary to replace the deteriorated railroad crossing in conjunction with the Indiana Harbor Belt Railway Company.

Beginning on Monday, Western Avenue will be closed at the Indiana Harbor Belt crossing until Saturday, June 18. A posted detour will direct southbound traffic on Western Avenue to go west on 139th Street, south on Kedzie Avenue and east on Sibley Boulevard/147th Street (Illinois 83) to continue on Western Avenue. Northbound traffic on Western Avenue will take the reverse route.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com

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